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Title: **PIPE WITH COUPLING CONFORMING TO PIPE DIAMETER**

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Attention: Examiner S. Staicovici

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's earlier Official Action kindly amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Replace claim 12 presently on file and insert new claim 17 as follows.

Claim 17: A method of extruding a plastic pipe having a pipe wall construction made from first and second streams of plastic, the first stream of plastic being formed into an interior part of the wall construction, the second stream of plastic being formed into a covering wall part over the interior wall part of the wall construction, the covering wall part being shaped into first and second corrugations with the interior wall part being flat where covered by the first and second corrugations, the wall